

HOUSE BILL No. 1898

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-28-11.

Synopsis: Quality improvement and education fund. Establishes the quality improvement and education fund for purposes of funding certain educational, training, and research activities to improve the quality of care provided in health facilities. Requires that 50% of specified fines collected under the law governing health facilities be deposited into the fund.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-28-11-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-1999,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in IC 16-28-1-11, ~~and~~
4 ~~IC 16-28-7-4, fines or~~ fees required to be paid under this article shall
5 be paid directly to the director who shall deposit the ~~fines or~~ fees in the
6 state general fund.

7 (b) Except as provided in IC 16-28-7-4, civil fines required to be
8 paid under this article shall be paid directly to the director, who
9 shall deposit the fines as follows:

10 (1) Fifty percent (50%) in the state general fund.

11 (2) Fifty percent (50%) in the quality improvement and
12 education fund established by section 4 of this chapter.

13 SECTION 2. IC 16-28-11-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) The quality improvement and education fund
16 is established for the purposes described in subsection (b). The
17 state department shall administer the fund.



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1 (b) The state department shall use the money in the fund for the
2 following activities designed to improve the quality of care in
3 health facilities:

4 (1) Education or training programs conducted by:

5 (A) the state department; or

6 (B) a health facility.

7 (2) Development of best practice guidelines and clinical
8 protocols.

9 (3) Clinical research and other activities.

10 (c) The state department may use money from the fund for an
11 education or training program under subsection (b)(1)(B) only if
12 the cost of the program is more than the amount waived under
13 IC 16-28-5-4(c). The total of:

14 (1) the amount waived under IC 16-28-5-4(c); and

15 (2) the amount used from the fund under subsection (b)(1)(B);
16 may not exceed the cost of the education or training program
17 conducted by the health facility.

18 (d) The money in the fund is annually appropriated to the state
19 department to carry out the purposes of this section.

20 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
21 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
22 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
23 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

24 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
25 revert to the state general fund.

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